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FOR: OLIGONUCLEOTIDES AND METHOD FOR DETECTION OF MECA
GENE OF METHICILLIN-RESISTANT STAPHYLOCOCCUS AUREUS

AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Responsive to the outstanding Office Action mailed February 13, 2003, the time for response thereto being extended by virtue of the petition and extension fees submitted herewith, entry of the following amendments is respectfully requested.